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Applicant: Ralph, et al.

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Locking Mechanism

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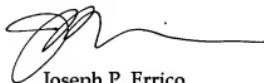
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Applicants' Submission of Issue Fee and Formal Drawings

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the Issue Fee Transmittal Letter (in duplicate) to authorize the payment of the Issue Fee and the Advance Copies with Deposit Account 06-0245. In addition Applicants include herewith the Formal Drawings required. If there remain any questions or requirements not met by Applicant after consideration of the following documents, please call J.P. Errico at (908) 719-3330.

Respectfully submitted,



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